

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 23, 2006**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Phillip A. DiMaria
Anthony Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Gene Schabath, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Thomas L. Raymus
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn and David Humbyrd, Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand and Jill Smith, Corporation Counsel; Tom Bommarito, Hank Riberas of PSE
Hillside LLC and Cindy Rhodes Victor of Hillside Productions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. BUCCI WAS MADE TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH AN ADD-ON TO 5A. GIRLS SCOUT'S REQUEST. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CLOSED SESSION

A MOTION BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MR. SALERNO WAS MADE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION.

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO
BUCCI	X	
DIMARIA		X
RAYMUS	X	
KLEIN	X	
LIPINSKI	X	
MALONE		X
SCHABATH		X
PERNA		X
SALERNO	X	
SAUGER	X	
SLINDE	X	
TOTAL	7	4

THE MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Perna stated that he along with Commissioners DiMaria, Sauger, Bucci, Schabath and Mr. Casasanta met with representatives from PSE and Hillside to discuss parking revenue and the collection of parking. Mr. Perna said the current contract reads parking to be collected by the County which has existed for the last four – five years.

The last four or five years collection of parking has been collected by Hillside which a report has been given to the Commission, reconciled by the County and they have fulfilled their commitment of \$125,000 over a 12-month payment program.

Mr. Perna further stated we get 25% of the gross whichever is greater or \$125,000. He does not believe they have hit the \$500,000 plateau but it is getting pretty close.

Mr. Perna opened up for discussion on two items: 1) who will collect parking and 2) parking fees.

Mr. Bucci directed a question to Corporation Counsel, if he was allowed to discuss information provided to him. Mr. Meyerand responded it depends on what you mean, in order to discuss his memo it needs to be done in Closed Session. Mr. Bucci thought that was the purpose for going into Closed Session in the first place. Mr. Meyerand stated if a person that voted "No" to go into Closed Session, makes the motion to go into Closed Session then discussion can take place under Closed Session.

Mr. DiMaria asked if that was the only way to discuss the memo. Mr. Meyerand responded the memo is confidential communication and must be discussed under Closed Session.

Mr. DiMaria withdrew his "No" vote on motion to go into Closed Session.

MOTION BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MR. MALONE WAS MADE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION.

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO
BUCCI	X	
DIMARIA	X	
RAYMUS	X	
KLEIN	X	
LIPINSKI	X	
MALONE	X	
SCHABATH	X	
PERNA	X	
SALERNO	X	
SAUGER	X	
SLINDE	X	
TOTAL	11	0

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commission went into Closed Session at 7:40 a.m.

The Parks Commission meeting reconvened at 8:25 a.m.

2006 Parking Collection

A MOTION BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MS. KLEIN WAS MADE TO HAVE MACOMB COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COLLECT ALL PARKING FOR COUNTY SPONSORED EVENTS AND FEES TO REMAIN WITH THE COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.

2006 Parking Fees

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. SCHABATH WAS MADE TO INCREASE PARKING FROM \$5.00 TO \$7.00 PER COUNTY EVENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Lipinski asked for clarification on monies going back to the sponsors. Mr. Casasanta explained sponsors have an option of \$1.00 going back to the organization, if they want more than a \$1.00 rebate, sponsors will need to submit a written request to the Parks Commission for approval.

GIRL SCOUT'S FUNDRAISER EVENT

Mr. Humbyrd presented a request from Girl Scouts Troop 595 to use the Freedom Hill bandstand and large pavilion on May 31, 2006 for a sponsored concert to help raise monies for the troop going to Europe. They are expecting to get 1500-2000 people and will charge fees to cover the cost of security.

A MOTION BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MR. SALERNO WAS MADE TO CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE PARKS ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE GIRL SCOUT'S EVENT AT THE COUNTY PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. DIMARIA WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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